

## Government of the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles Washington, DC 20001



## REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN TITLE OF VEHICLE SOLD AT AUCTION TO ENFORCE GARAGE KEEPER LIEN

To obtain a title after an auction to enforce a garage keeper's lien, the following documents must be submitted to the DC Department of Motor Vehicles:

- Signature on the affidavit below by lien claimant or his/her agent having knowledge of the facts.
- A copy of the bill for repairs incurred by the registered owner within the District of Columbia. All storage charges must be stated separately and cannot exceed \$270.00.
- Proof that notice was provided to the registered owner and to all other lien holders or other interested parties, as required by D.C. Official Code § 40-102(a) (2001).
- A copy of the advertisement in a District of Columbia newspaper that states the vehicle will be sold at pubic auction, with certification from the newspaper that such advertisement appeared once a week for 3 consecutive weeks in the newspaper.
- A Bill of Sale from a licensed auctioneer in the District of Columbia indicating the sale price.
- An application for Certificate of Title, executed by purchaser of the vehicle.
- Any license plates, title(s), previous bill(s) of sale, or registration cards for the vehicle, if available.

Municipal Center 301 C Street, NW, Room 1157 Tuesday – Saturday 8:15 am – 4:00 pm	Brentwood Square 1233 Brentwood, Road, NE Monday – Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Penn Branch Shopping Center 3214 Pennsylvania, Avenue, SE Monday – Friday 8:15 am – 4:00 pm
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## Initial Steps in Enforcing Garage Keeper's Lien (as provided in D.C. Official Code §§ 40-102 and 103)

- a. A written notice must be delivered personally or by registered mail to the titleholder, all lien holders shown on the Certificate of Title or registry, and all persons known to have any interest in the vehicle. The written notice must state that the lien is claimed, the amount and particulars of the charges, and must demand payment. For each day after notice was sent, a storage charge of \$3 per day may be added to the claim. The total storage costs shall not exceed \$270.00.
- b. If the amount is not paid within 30 days after giving notice, the vehicle may be sold at public auction to enforce the lien. Notice of the sale must appear in newspaper published in the District for 3 successive weeks. The advertisement must state the date, time and place of sale, which shall not be less than 15 days from the date of the first publication of such notice, that the purpose of the sale is to satisfy a lien, the amount for which lien is claimed, the name of all interested parties, and a description of the vehicle, including the make, type, year and model number, serial number and the vehicle identification number (VIN), if any, and state or DC license plate number and year.

Sale Information:  Proceeds of Sale: \$ Amount of Lien: \$  Cost of foreclosure sale:								
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1. The enforcement of the lien and application of proceeds was in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 40-102 et seq.;								
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3. The lien	holder obtained po	ssession of the v	ehicle on the		day of	_20		
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